कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव) : (क) जी, नहीं। बृहत फसल बीमा योजना उन राज्यों में पहले ही चल रही है जिन्होंने इस योजना में शामिल होने की सहमति प्रकट की है।

(ख) और (ग) जी, नहीं।

National Commission on Rural Labour

2243. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made by National Commission on Rural Labour;

(b) by when it is likely to submit its report; and

(c) whether Government propose to include more members representing the Agricultural Labour Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) The National Commission on Rural Labour was constituted by a Resolution of the Ministry of Labour dated 11th August, 1987. The term of the Commission is for a period of three years. The Commission is required to make its recommendations as soon as practicable.

The Commission has been holding its meetings at regular intervals. It has already framed a Questionnaire covering all the major fields, such as, employment generation, social security, impact of developmental programmes and poverty alleviation schemes, special problems of women and child labour, land reforms, bonded labour, etc. The Questionnaire has been sent to all the State Governments/Union Territories, Central Ministries/Departments and also to many voluntary Organisations, Research Institutions, experts and specialists and Trade Unions. The Commission has also undertaken a study on Minimum Wages.

(c) At present there is no such on Minimum Wages.

Second Chanel of Doordarshan

2244. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what has been the reaction of viewers to second channel in Kendras where it exists?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): There has been a mixed reaction from viewers to the programmes telecast on the second channel of Doordarshan Kendras at Delhi and Bombay. The programmes of second channel of Doordarshan Kendra, Calcutta have been appreciated generally. The second channel of Doordarshan Kendra, Madras has started functioning only from 1st July, 1988 and it will take some time before its impact could be assessed.

Needs of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

2245. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minster of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'Times of India' of the 22nd July, 1988 wherein it has been stated that the Minister of Steel and Mines appraised the needs of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant to Soviet leaders;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions; and

(c) the outcome therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISRY OF STEEL

AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) During the visit of High Level Indian Delegation to USSR in July, 1988 the need for timely supply of equipment for meeting the commissioning schedule of Visakhapatnam Steel Project was discussed with the Soviet Authorities. It was agreed that every effort would be made to expedite supply of the equipment.

Food Processing Industries

2246. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications have been received from multinationals for starting food processing industries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage multinational companies for starting the food processing industries; and

(d) if so, the details of its impact on the growth of indigenous industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) 29 Indian companies have been accorded approval for technical/financial collaboration with foreign companies for manufacture of processed foods during 1985, 1986 and 1987.

(c) Government's policy is that foreign collaboration—financial or technical—is not ordinarily necessary for consumer products. However, foreign collaboration for manufacture of consumer products is considered on merits if such collaboration is justified taking into consideration factors such as the nature of technology involved, availability of indigenous technology, potential for export earnings and the like.

(d) Does not arise.

Registered Unemployed in the Country

2247. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered unemployed in the country as on date;

(b) the break up of men and women; and

(c) the State-wise break up according to their educational qualifications?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) The number of registered job-seekers on the live registers of employment exchanges in the country, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, as on 31st May, 1988 are as under:—

(In thousands)

Men	Women	Total
24,065	5,231	29,296

(c) The latest available information relating to 30th June, 1987 is given in enclosed statement. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 91].

Possession of Plots in Rohini Sector 16, Block A, Pocket-4

2248. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 510 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the reasons that the plots in Sector 16, Block A, Pocket 4, of Rohini Complex which were allotted through draw of lots in 1984, have not yet been given possession by Delhi Development Authority;